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SUBJ: CISCO TWO: FAMILY APPEALS (CONTINUED)

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1. INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL WERE CARRIED OUT BY DCM WITH ACTING FRONMIN GETACHEW KIBRET ON JULY 31. DCM EMPHASIZED DEPT'S CONCERN OVER EPMG REFUSAL THUS FAR TO BROADCAST APPEALS OF "CISCO TWO"

FAMILIES; SAID THAT TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE AT PRESENT ABDUCTEES CAMPBELL AND HARRELL WERE FORCIBLY SEIZED, ARE BEING HELD AGAINST THEIR WILL AND MAY WELL BE IN DANGER; WE REITERATED EPMG'S RESPONSIBILITY AS HOST GOVT TO DO EVERYTHING APPROPRIATE TO FIND AND RESCUE THESE MEN; AND CLOSED WITH REQUEST OF USG TO HEAR WHAT SPECIFIC MEASURES EPMG PURSUING TO THIS END AS WELL AS LATTER'S ASSESSMENT OF THEIR LIKELY SUCCESS.

2. ACTING FONMIN, WHO HAD BEEN INFORMED BEFOREHAND OF SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION, OPENED WITH EXPRESSION OF EPMG'S SYMPATHY FOR FAMILIES OF CISCO TWO. HE SAID THAT EPMG RECOGNIZES ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS MATTER ALTHOUGH, IN THE NATURE OF THINGS, IT COULD NOT GUARANTEE THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE STEPS IT IS TAKING TO MEET THEM. GETACHEW KIBRET THEN SAID THAT EVERYTHING IS BEING DONE TO PRESS THE SEARCH FOR CAMPBELL AND HARRELL. HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION, ACTING FONMIN STATED, TO
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LIST THE SPECIFIC MEASURES BEING TAKEN BUT HOPED THAT HE MIGHT

HAVE SOMETHING MORE TO SAY TO US IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.
GETACHEW KIBRET ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES HAD
FOUND IT INOPPORTUNE TO BROADCAST THE FAMILY MESSAGES AND SAID
THAT THIS CONTINUED TO BE THE CASE. PRESSED TO ELABORATE, HE
WOULD ONLY ADD THAT THE BROADCASTING OF THESE MESSAGES MIGHT BE
"UNHELPFUL."

3. GETACHEW KIBRET DID NOT REACT TO DCM'S STATEMENT BY SURFACING
EPMG'S SUSPICIONS THAT CISCO TWO MAY HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLICES IN
THEIR OWN ABUDCTION.
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